

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the title with the following title:

--ROAD ANTENNA CONTROLLED ON THE BASIS OF RECEIVING RATE--

On Page 1, Line 2, please insert the following paragraph:

--This patent application is a divisional patent application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/603,248 filed on June 26, 2000.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 32, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--FIG. 6 is a plan view of an electric toll collection (ETC) system shown in FIG. 5. The communications area ~~F21~~ F1 is a range in which radio communication can be established between the on-vehicle device 202 and the road antenna 204. The receiver 208 is disposed at a predetermined position on the road R and within the communications area ~~F21~~ F1.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 34, line 18 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In the present embodiment, four receivers 208A, 208B, 208C, and 208D are disposed at corresponding four corners of the communication area ~~F21~~ F1 formed on the road R. In other respects, the ETC system is identical in structure with that employed in the third embodiment.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 34, line 23 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--FIG. 5 is a block diagram showing the structure of a road antenna according to the fourth embodiment. The receivers 208A through 208D disposed at the respective four corners of the communications area ~~F2~~ F1 are connected to the radio controller 206 by way of corresponding control lines 209A through 209B.--